

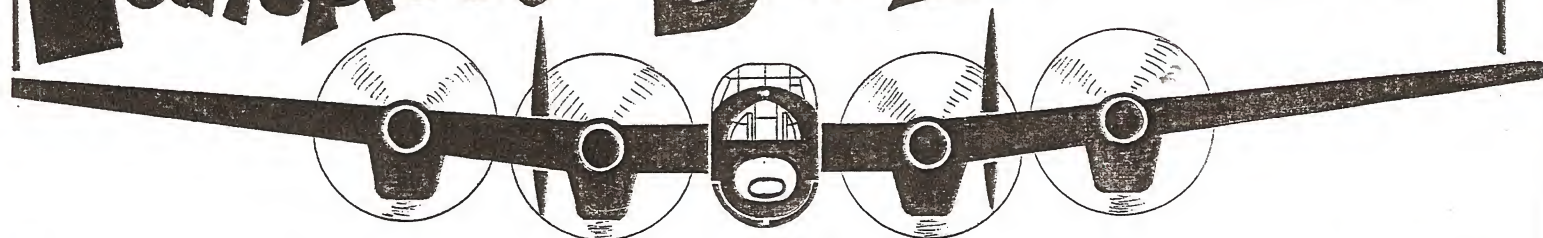
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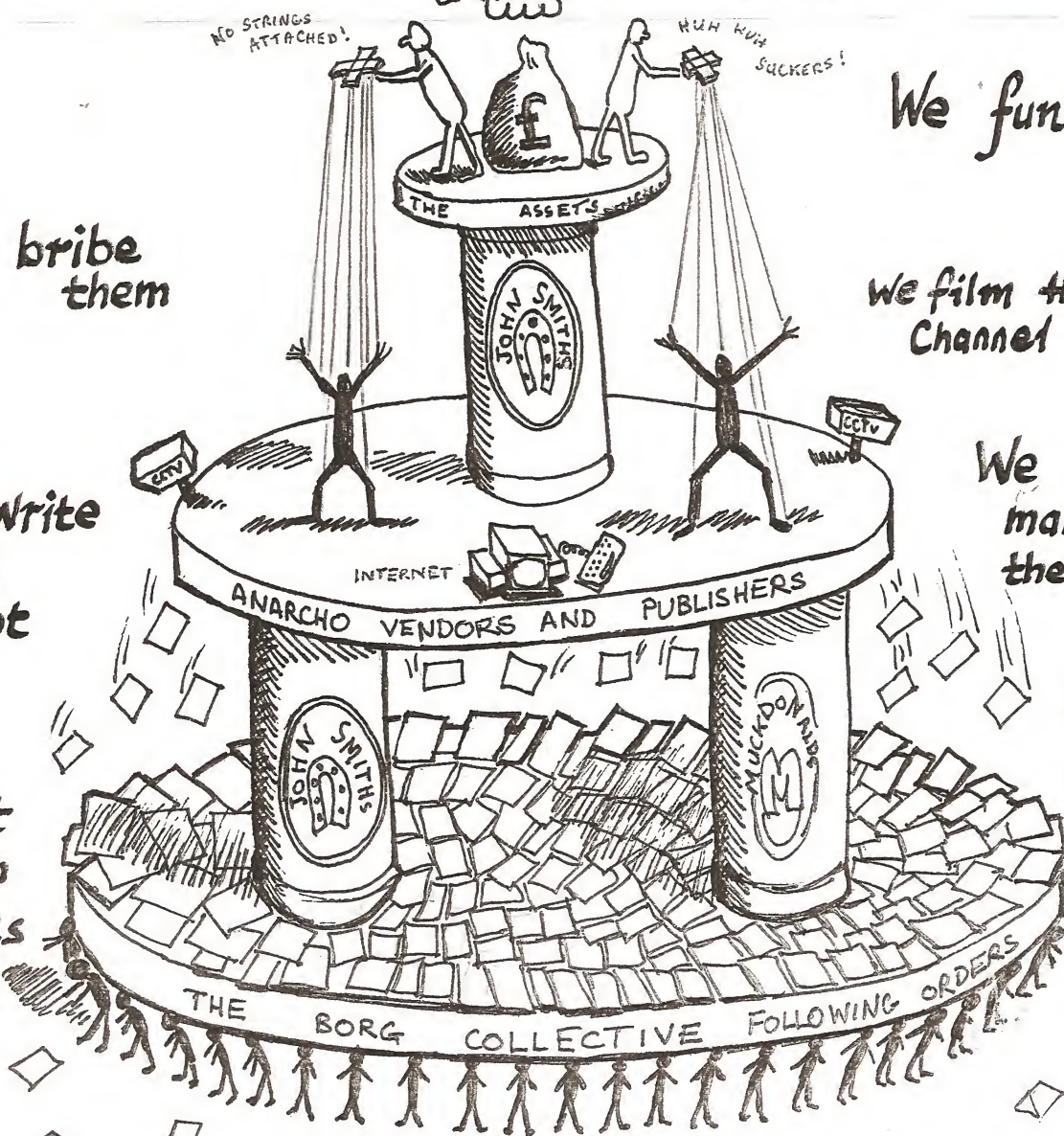
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ANARCHISM is CRUSHED

THE SOCIAL GENE

RICHARD FROST, £8 , ISBN: 09534529-0-5

Cereberus, Nately Road, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, 149 pps

Who are we ? What are we ? Where are we heading ? On one level this book is a kind of explanation, an etiology, a genealogy of genes; but on another, more important level, it is a plea or mini-manifesto for Social Anarchism. What Richard Frost wants is a gradual devolution of power to the lowest level. This begins with local councils. Power has to find its own level. Once this happens, communities gain self-confidence to deal with problems in their own ways. People find solutions themselves, but up to now they have been crippled by bureaucracy and robbed blind by leaders, kings, religions, fat cats. The answer must be applied gradually, step-by-step, so as 'not to frighten the natives'. In this way, power itself is to eventually be abolished, disappearing slowly 'like the grin on the Cheshire Cat'.

There is a lot in here that GA readers will find congenial. 'The Social Gene' is an optimistic book. Frost's vision of Social Anarchism is inevitable, he believes; the only way humanity can thrive and prosper. It is the sort of programme members of the Green Party and people advocating 'Small is Beautiful' would go for.

Beyond this, Richard Frost opposes the Richard Dawkins' 'Selfish Gene'. Dawkins is merely a biological restatement of Thatcherism or the economics of Adam Smith. Ideology harnessed to oppression. We move across into territory familiar to Primitivists and GA readers generally; the Kalahari Bushmen, primitive affluence, Marshall Sahlins, archaeology and anthropology. Frost himself admits his own indebtedness to Peter Kropotkin's 'Mutual Aid', and on this level 'The Social Gene' a little bit like a replay of the war of words between T H Huxley and Kropotkin. Against Dawkins' battle of the genes, Frost believes in an innate co-operation between people. We are inherently social. Morality, ie social behaviour is determined at a genetic level.

Do we have to buy this genetic explanation ? At the microscopic level, we have the nitty gritty details of the interactions. At the macroscopic (the Big Picture) the genes do not see where the whole is heading. Humanity has the capacity to transcend all that - we can see how the cumulative effect of commuting and the school run is Global Warming, El Nino, ozone layer depletion. There is a break between our intention, the act, its consequences. The genetic 'explanation' doesn't get us further than saying 'it is because it is'. One is left with the suspicion that the theory might be circular or banal.

Under the Dawkins / Thatcherite theory, altruism is a bad strategy, cheating is better. The cheats prosper, riding on the backs of the altruists, but if this were true, Frost says the cheats would overpopulate to the point where altruism is no longer a good bet.

The paradigm breaks down - flips over. Against Dawkins, Frost declares for 'the survival of the fit enough', or 'survival of the ordinary'. Key here is that populations moderate their numbers below the maximum level sustainable on resources, investing the surplus in evolutionary experimentation.

This 'primitive affluence' is seen as the natural way of things, but humans invented culture, turning this around, pushing the myth of scarcity as a 'justification' for the leadership controlling the resources, and setting the mass of the pliant populations on to the civilization treadmill, feeding the rulers' palaces, circuses and wars. Our genetically programmed sociality, conformity and obedience is our undoing.

We find a mild critique of civilization here; Frost calls it a 'slow inferno' (page 30) 'a rod for our backs'. The civilization of Athens is 'stained with the slaves' blood'. Murray Bookchin can put that in his pipe and smoke it ! Politics itself is neatly defined as 'the science of oppression' (p 98), a way of managing social control. Every solution has to 'kick at the foundation of oppression'.

The main weakness of this book is not its content as such but its form - a kind of prose-poetry. Some would reject it out of hand because of this, yet it is readable:

Almost every marvel and monstrosity of civilization
Has been driven by the need
To waste resources because -
And this was where blind faith took over -
There wasn't enough to go around.

(page 38)

The 'poetry' is saved by its good humour and its optimism. We can see the common sense of what he is arguing for, 'a modest proposal for anarchism' - what he calls 'revolutionary subsidiarity'. Dick Frost admits his uncertainty about how we get there 'I am dead weak on the transition to an appropriate form of production', but it has to start in the small scale, the modest detail of things, the local. The very reasonableness of the tone of this book is its strongest point.

Stephen B...

EDUCATION AND THE MEDIA MISREPRESENTATION OF ANARCHISM

Two reasons why the State is able to get away with the persecution of radicals, as with the Gandalf case are: (1) prejudicial images of anarchism in the media, and (2) the total lack of education in schools about anarchism.



To counter this I am putting forwards two proposals:

(A) That anarchists campaign for fair representation of anarchism in the media.

For two long 'anarchy' has been used as a synonym for violent disorder, and anarchists have been caricatured as 'Mr Verloc'-type bomb throwers.

We call upon the anarchophobic media to stop this biased, negative propaganda.

(B) That all anarchists campaign and lobby for the case for anarchism to be taught in schools.

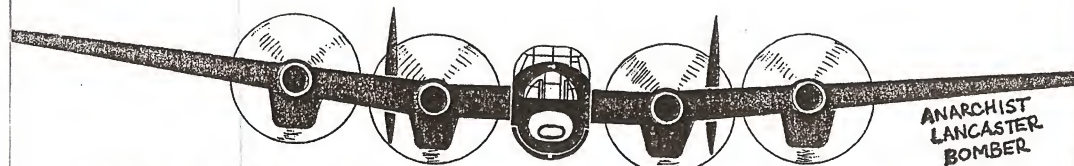
We are not asking for children to be indoctrinated about anarchism, but simply that a fair presentation about anarchism be made.

Sexism and racism are not tolerated in schools, and rightly so. Anarchism and radical politics are not even on the agenda. The education system is silent about us. Yet we exist, we are a valid part of human experience, and so ought to be taught.



We believe that both of these requests will be either ignored or ridiculed by the State-controlled puppet media and education authorities. This would not be so in any reasonable and democratic society. The system has a vested interest in keeping children in ignorance. Merely to make these requests exposes their one-sided ideology and bias.

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STOP THE SECOND GANDALF TRIAL

On Monday 2ND November 1998, the second Gandalf trial start in Portsmouth. Robin Webb, the ALF Press Officer, & Paul Rogers of Green Anarchist, are on trial for daring to report animal-rights activities, protests, anti road campaigns, and others.

The first Gandalf trial, August/November 1997, followed on from 'Operation Washington' - 60 police officers, £4M, to stamp out alternative magazines. Three of us, Saxon Wood, Noel Mollana and myself, were jailed, but eventually released after widespread international protest at this attack on free speech.

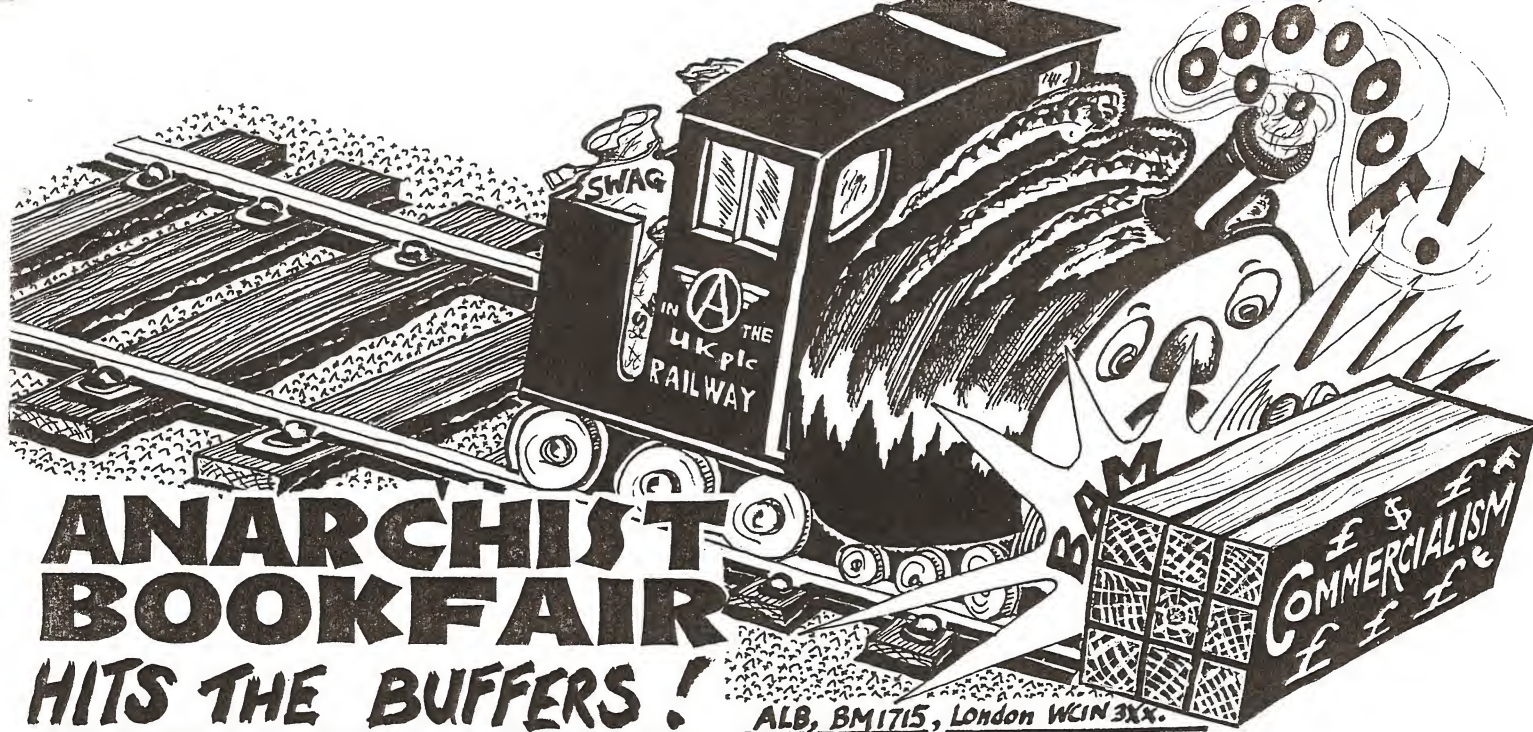
Please write to your MP, or Tony Blair. Write to Jack Straw in protest at this outrage against free speech. Please write to Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, Hants, SO23 8UG, protesting against this blatant totalitarianism and complete waste of rate-payers' money. Please join our protests against this injustice.

Steve Booth

WE DEMAND

FREE SPEECH NOW!

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ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR HITS THE BUFFERS!

ALB, BM1715, London WC1N 3XX.

The Anarchist bookfair helps activists from different sections of the milieu to get together. There is a less welcome aspect to the bookfair which we all need to address—commercialism.

LIKE CHUMBA—BUT WITH BOOKS

The bookfair is really organized just to sell books and mags. Any benefit to anarchism itself is a by-product, incidental to the main agenda. We are told that the bookfair is non-profit making. Doubtless that is true. Yet for the large commercials—AK Press, Freedom, Aldgate Press, the bookfair is useful to push sales and finance fresh print runs. It is a showcase for the anarcho-hierarch cartel to sell out. The bookfair itself does not have to make a profit—only break even.

When it is commercial, anarchism dies. The cartel is already in tension with the smaller stalls and the activists. This year there were 4 fights, people pissed off the gallery on to the stalls (think what this does to the precious stock!) and the building was vandalized. These tensions look set to rise as the commercialism runs rampant.

INTRA-CARTEL RIVALRY

The London October @ bookfair is under pressure from the other end of Britain, the Edinburgh based AK Press; and from the other end of the year, Bradford May Day. The commercial pressures are on. They say 36 groups attended the bookfair in 1998. $36 \times £20 = £720$. This will soon be eaten up. What about the flyers? What about the stickers? All those glossy brochures. All those plastic bags with 'Anarchist Bookfair' printed on them? Already the £720 is spent on promotional material alone. Then there is postage, hire of the Conway Hall, £100 vandalism surcharge. The real budget is probably closer to £1500 than £700.

COMMERCIAL SUBSIDY

The promotional materials are almost certainly

printed by Aldgate Press, at a subsidized rate. Why? What's in it for them? Aldgate, contrary to popular belief, are not Anarchists, but a commercial firm. Ruth Lucan, of Aldgate Press even testified at the 1st Gandalf trial, on Wednesday 24th September 1997. The reason why somebody like Aldgate subsidize the @ bookfair is that it makes commercial sense. Most anarchist and radical books are printed there, and the printers know that a successful book fair means the shelves are cleared. AK, Freedom and the others, plus some of the smaller set ups will order fresh print runs & new titles. Whatever they lose in printing promotional leaflets comes back to them.

PERCENTAGE MARK-UP

It's not all subsidy, though. Stalls pay a percentage of profits to the bookfair. Those small 'political' stalls don't make a profit. So, the anarcho-capitalist bookfair is subject to exactly the same market forces which compel Exxon + Mobil to merge, or Rover and BMW. What the bookfair really needs is those small stalls out to clear the decks for punters to crowd round the mega-stalls.

ANARCHY FOR SALE

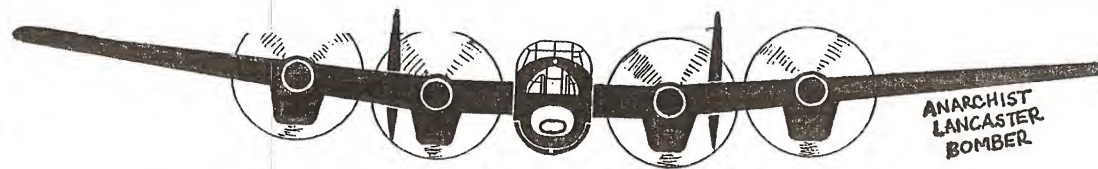
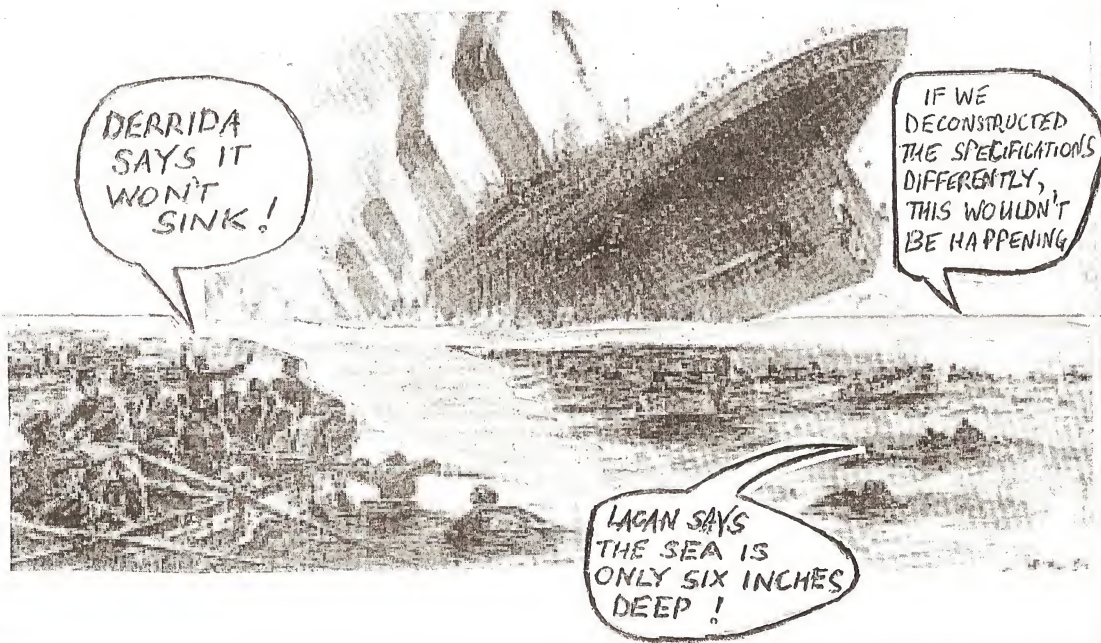
This is exactly what is happening. Freedom (22.11.98) says the bookfair is to be held over 2 days. This is explicitly hierarchical. Doubtless the mega-commercials will be on the Saturday, the small 'politicals' relegated to Sunday. Folks from outside London will only go to Saturday, with Sunday travel problems; fewer buses, coaches, trains—forget the second day! Not many from outside the M25 can afford to stay overnight. This suits the cartel. They'll sell more stuff in October; but some of the commercial pressure is released. People in the north will be more likely to go to the Bradford May Day. The cartel wins again. The expulsion of the non-commercials will kill the Bookfair; but this is not a bad thing. Commercial 'anarchism' is dead anyway. Down With Anarchy UK plc...

THE PARABLE OF THE FIFTH BULKHEAD

It started with marks on a large sheet of paper in a Belfast drawing office. These diagrams were taken into a shipyard. Metal was cut, holes drilled, rivets forced through and hammered, bolts and nuts put into place and tightened, paintwork completed, and all the rest of what goes together to build an ocean liner. The ship rolled down the slipway and into the water according to the best engineering standards of the day, and floated.

Some time later, most of the Atlantic Ocean crossed, the ship hit an iceberg. Four compartments were ruptured. Water flooded in. But the fifth bulkhead did not go all the way up to the top of the hull, so water began to spill over into the next compartment. The ship was doomed.

On the ship were a number of Postmodernists, Idealists and others, who believed in the primacy of the text over reality. They refused to accept the inevitability of the sinking. Some were artists, and sat down to draw pictures of the ship, with the fifth bulkhead all the way up to the top. Some of the Postmodernists had portable lap-top computers, and sat down in the first class cocktail lounge, while the rest of the passengers panicked and ran for the lifeboats. The theorists hastily retyped the specifications. Another Scottish theorist re-wrote the laws of physics, with particular reference to Archimedes' Principle. Because reality conforms to the written word and painted representation, the ship was saved.....



SECOND GANDALF TRIAL ENDS EARLY

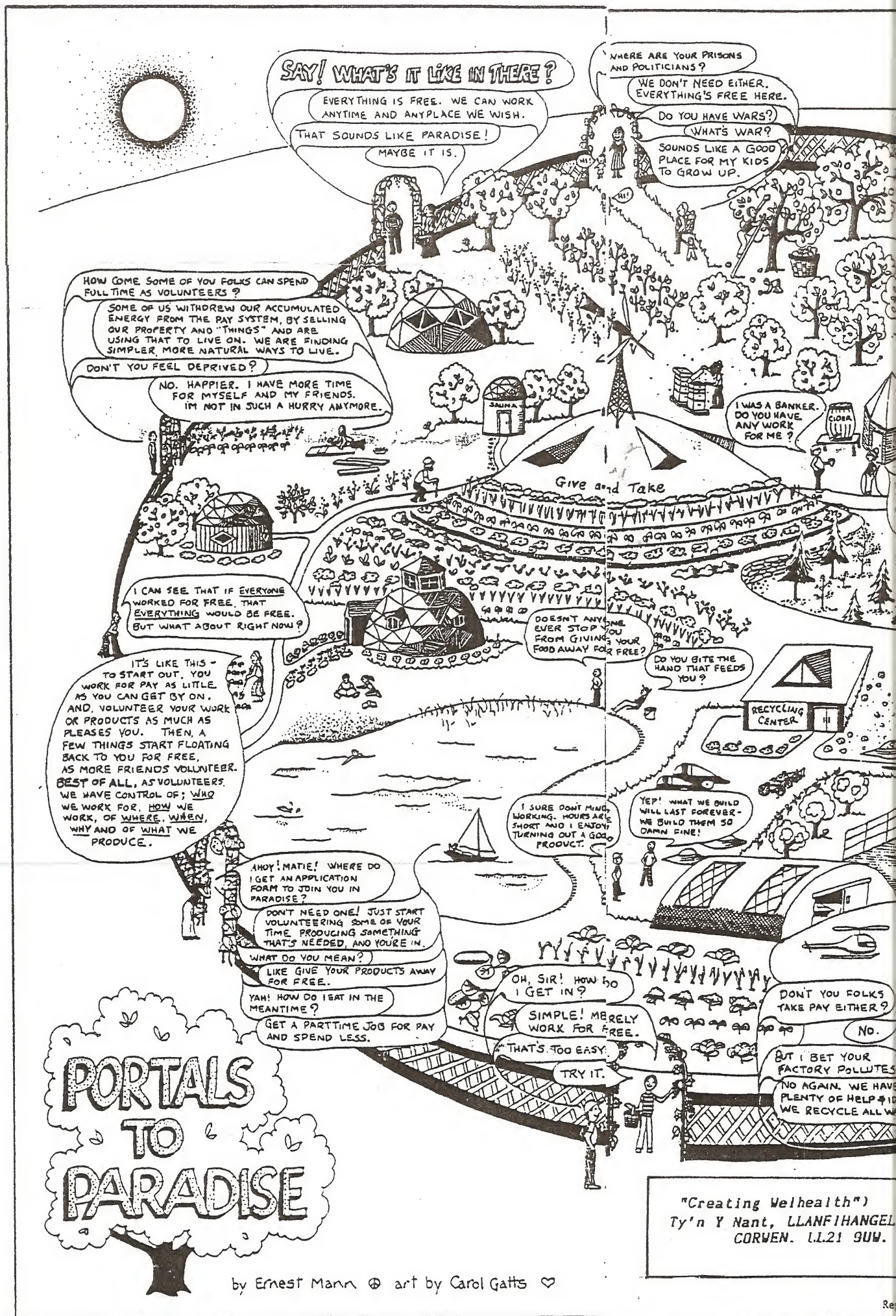
Trial of Paul Rogers + Robin Webb halted.

State oppression of radicals stopped by people power...

Wednesday 25th November 1998 - Portsmouth... After an earlier ruling by the High Court that the first trial was null and void, the second trial was also declared void, being based on the first trial committal hearing. The legal precedent of applying conspiracy law to political groups remains intact.

FREE SPEECH NOW!

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SAY! WHAT'S IT LIKE IN THERE?

EVERYTHING IS FREE. WE CAN WORK ANYTIME AND ANYPLACE WE WISH.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE PARADISE!

MAYBE IT IS.

WHERE ARE YOUR PRISONS AND POLITICIANS?

WE DON'T NEED EITHER. EVERYTHING'S FREE HERE.

DO YOU HAVE WARS?

WHAT'S WAR?

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PLACE FOR MY KIDS TO GROW UP.

HOW COME SOME OF YOU FOLKS CAN SPEND FULL TIME AS VOLUNTEERS?

SOME OF US WITHDREW OUR ACCUMULATED ENERGY FROM THE PAY SYSTEM, BY SELLING OUR PROPERTY AND "THINGS" AND ARE USING THAT TO LIVE ON. WE ARE FINDING SIMPLER, MORE NATURAL WAYS TO LIVE.

DON'T YOU FEEL DEPRIVED?

NO. HAPPIER. I HAVE MORE TIME FOR MYSELF AND MY FRIENDS. IM NOT IN SUCH A HURRY ANYMORE.

I WAS A BANKER. DO YOU HAVE ANY WORK FOR ME?

I CAN SEE THAT IF EVERYONE WORKED FOR FREE, THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE FREE. BUT WHAT ABOUT RIGHT NOW?

IT'S LIKE THIS - TO START OUT, YOU WORK FOR PAY AS LITTLE AS YOU CAN GET BY ON. AND, VOLUNTEER YOUR WORK OR PRODUCTS AS MUCH AS PLEASES YOU. THEN, A FEW THINGS START FLOATING BACK TO YOU FOR FREE, AS MORE FRIENDS VOLUNTEER. BEST OF ALL, AS VOLUNTEERS, WE HAVE CONTROL OF; WHO WE WORK FOR, HOW WE WORK, OF WHERE, WHEN, WHY AND OF WHAT WE PRODUCE.

Give and Take

DON'T ANYONE EVER STOP YOU FROM GIVING YOUR FOOD AWAY FOR FREE?

DO YOU BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS YOU?

I SURE DON'T MIND WORKING. HOURS ARE SHORT AND I ENJOY TURNING OUT A GOOD PRODUCT.

YEP! WHAT WE BUILD WILL LAST FOREVER - WE BUILD THEM SO DAMN FINE!

AHOY! MATE! WHERE DO I GET AN APPLICATION FORM TO JOIN YOU IN PARADISE?

DON'T NEED ONE! JUST START VOLUNTEERING SOME OF YOUR TIME, PRODUCING SOMETHING THAT'S NEEDED, AND YOU'RE IN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

LIKE GIVE YOUR PRODUCTS AWAY FOR FREE.

YAH! HOW DO I EAT IN THE MEANTIME?

GET A PARTTIME JOB FOR PAY AND SPEND LESS.

OH, SIR! HOW DO I GET IN?

SIMPLE! MERELY WORK FOR FREE.

THAT'S TOO EASY.

TRY IT.

DON'T YOU FOLKS TAKE PAY EITHER?

NO.

BUT I BET YOUR FACTORY POLLUTES NO AGAIN. WE HAVE PLENTY OF HELP & WE RECYCLE ALL W

PORTALS TO PARADISE

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by Ernest Mann ⊕ art by Carol Gatts ♡

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DO YOU HAVE WARS?

WHAT'S WAR?

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD
PLACE FOR MY KIDS
TO GROW UP.

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?

HI! PLANTING FRUIT
AND NUT TREES. WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE FREE
FOOD GROWING ALL OVER.

YOU GIVE YOUR BREAD AWAY FOR FREE?

WE'VE FOUND IT'S MORE FUN AND MUCH
EASIER THAN SELLING IT.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR WHEAT?

THE FARMERS GIVE IT TO
US FOR FREE.

SAY FRIEND! WHY DO
YOU WORK WITHOUT PAY?

I HAVE MORE FUN. I WORK AS
I PLEASE & AM TREATED BETTER.

HOW CAN YOU GIVE YOUR
WHEAT TO THE BAKERY
FOR FREE?

EASY, I HAVE ALL
VOLUNTEER HELP.

WE'LL FIND SOMETHING
YOU'LL LIKE, AND THEN
GIVE YOU FREE ON-THE-
JOB TRAINING.

COME ON IN!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT
VOLUNTEERS MAKE
BETTER LOVERS?

SO I'VE HEARD

BUT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH LAND
FOR A WORLD PARADISE.

THERE IS 788 ACRES OF TILLABLE LAND
PER PERSON ON THIS EARTH. FAR MORE
THAN ENOUGH FOR ABUNDANCE.

THEN WHY ARE SOME PEOPLE
STARVING?

BECAUSE SOME OF YOU
ARE USING THE BEST
LAND FOR NON-ESSENTIAL
"CASH CROPS". FOR PROFIT.
NOT FOR PEOPLE.

I HAVE A LOT MORE FUN WHEN
I'M WORKING AS A VOLUNTEER!

DON'T YOU FOLKS
TAKE PAY EITHER?

NO.

BUT I BET YOUR
FACTORY POLLUTES.
NO AGAIN. WE HAVE
PLENTY OF HELP & IDEAS.
WE RECYCLE ALL WASTE.

WE MUST DIVERT THEIR
ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE
PORTALS. YOU PAID AGITATORS
MUST GO AMONG THEM AND FLOOD
THEIR MINDS WITH NEGATIVE
THOUGHT. YOU MUST DIVIDE
THEM, MAKE THEM BELIEVE THEY
ARE POWERLESS AND CONVINCE
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KEEP 'EM HUNGRY AND FEARFUL.
TELL THEM THAT PARADISE IS
IMPOSSIBLE AND THAT PEOPLE
ARE NO GOOD.

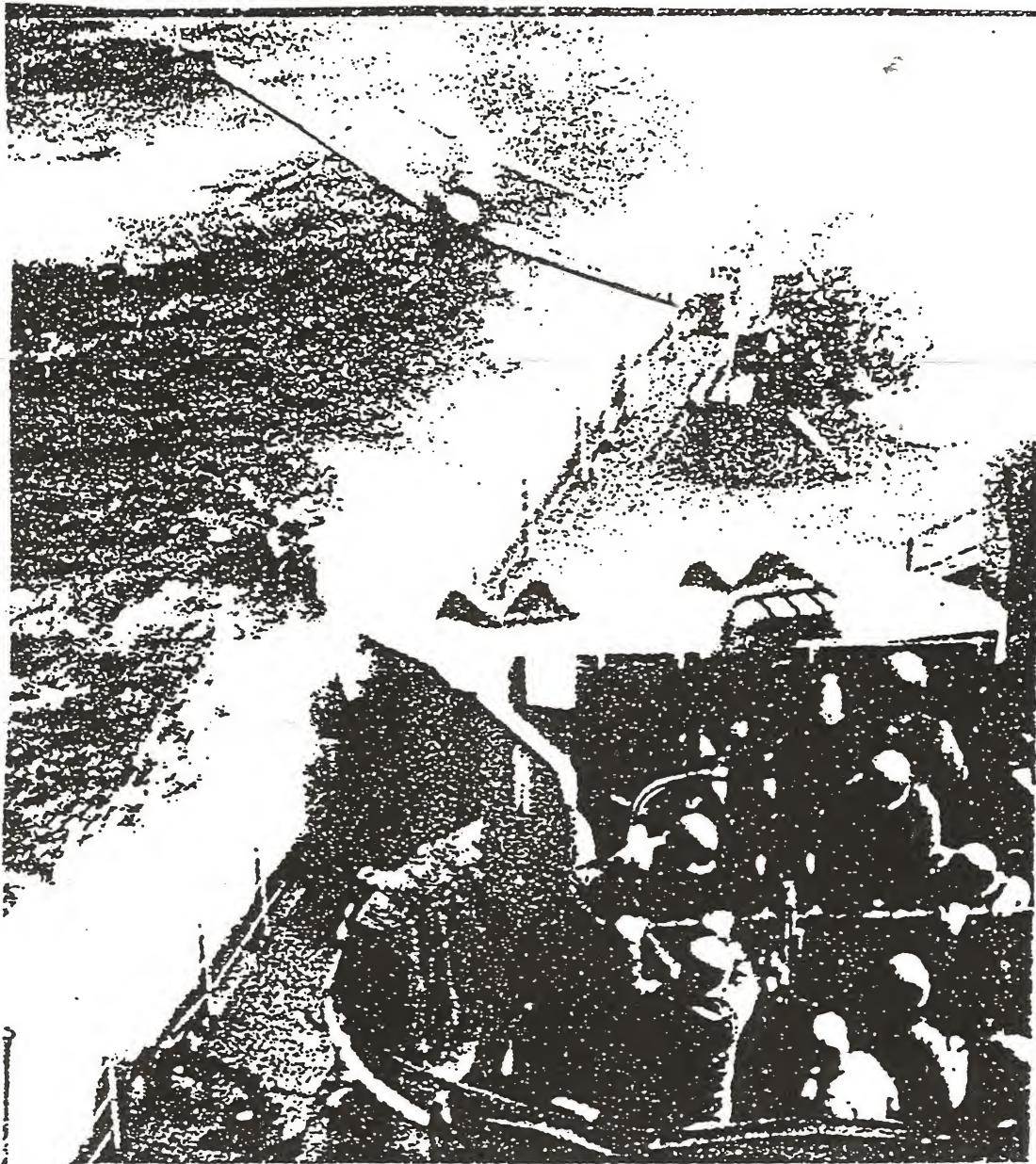
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**VOTING
CHANGES
NOTHING**

IRRATIONAL EXPRESS

Whatever you do, do with your whole heart



It is the *character* of the event itself that counts. What people say, what people think or feel, what people who were not there and who did not affect the action believe or say about it is unimportant.

TRANSPORT

ISSUES

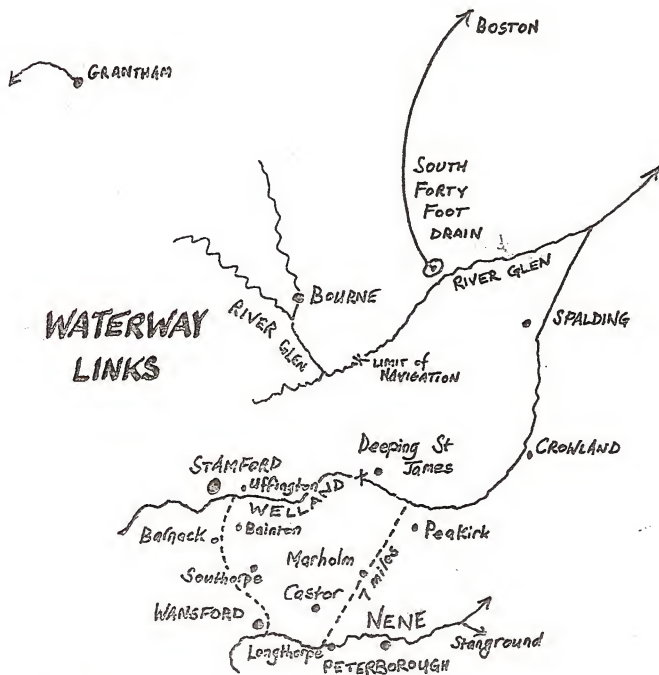
CARS

The two main problems we have with transport are road vehicles and air-liners. Cars pollute. The internal combustion engine is probably one of the most destructive devices ever invented. Vehicle exhausts cast smog across the face of cities. Fumes and particulates cause asthma, and shorten the lives of millions. The capitalist system is geared towards car ownership, but the implications of this are that roads are overloaded. The Thatcher policy of the 1980s - build more roads - had been discredited. The road network is saturated. We now have 26 Million vehicles on the roads with this set to double by 2015, car manufacturers hope.

AIRLINERS

Airliners are a major problem. At the start of October 1998, it was announced that the hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica is larger than ever. Severe weather, like Hurricane Mitch, and the flooding of the River Severn follow as a result of global warming. The system built Manchester Airport Runway 2, and will probably go ahead with the new Heathrow Airport terminal, despite the protests. The damage done by airliners has effectively been covered up. Where would global capitalism be without its airliners?

Get rid of vehicles - get rid of airliners and civilization would be radically transformed. Without the rush hour, urban motorways would not be necessary. Office workers could work at home using computers and the information super highway, eliminating commuting and car pollution.

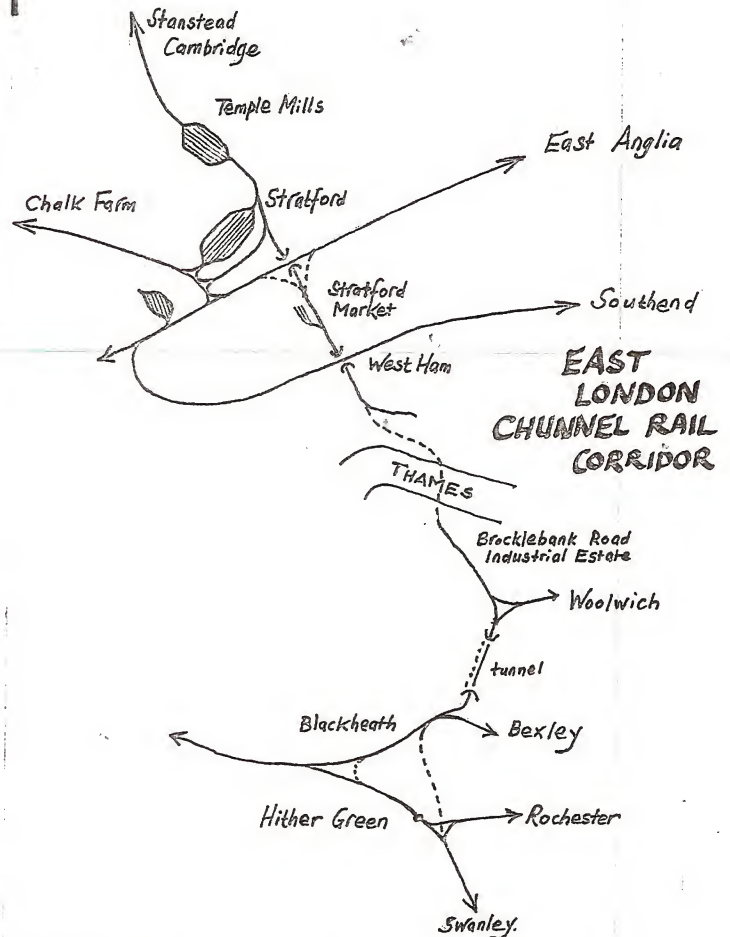


IMPLICATIONS

Were cars, for example, to be abandoned, this would have a profound effect on the economic system. Their whole way of life is predicated on car ownership. Commuting to work, the school run, out of town shopping centre... Those huge car factories at Longbridge and Dagenham, the tyre industry, plastics, electronics, advertising, the oil industry... So many things are dependent on the car.

Even though awareness of the problem, the ecological implications of global warming, the flooding of the River Severn and other extreme weather conditions are beginning to sink in, it is unlikely that people will change. The love of the car is deep rooted. It is too much to expect that governments will legislate on anything deeper than a superficial surface level.

Abolishing cars + trucks would strengthen local economies. People would be forced to walk or bike to local shops rather than drive to the out of town shopping centre on the ring road. The strength of the multi-nationals would be sapped. A wider network of local suppliers would have more money - the balance of the economy would be shifted. No surprise, the vested interests of car manufacturers and the road lobby will do everything they can to prevent this.



Capitalism and economies of scale militate against the small producers and communities. Yet in Russia, barely 100 miles from Moscow, the system has collapsed, and people are forced back on to their own resources. Something like the barter system of LETs would be the only way forwards from this. We may get a similar collapse in the west.

One problem with radicals, calling for the abolition of cars + lorries on the roads, is no use, without also suggesting alternatives. What are people to do? Transport is one of those 'Bread n' butter' issues that isn't going away.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport needs to be expanded. Sheffield and Manchester have been investing in modern tram systems. Existing, but under-utilized urban passenger rail networks need to be expanded. An integrated approach has to be adopted to improve the connectability between train, bus and tram systems.

WHITE BICYCLES

Get rid of the lorries. If you have to move it, if you really must, use the railways. Get rid of the cars. Invest but a small proportion of the industrial production into manufacturing white bicycles. The white bicycles are left in sacks at convenient places at every street corner or on housing estates. They work on a similar principle to the supermarket trolley.

Users pay a deposit for a swipe card, and borrow the bicycle from the rack, use it to go to their destination, and leave it in a similar rack, there, to be used by other people.

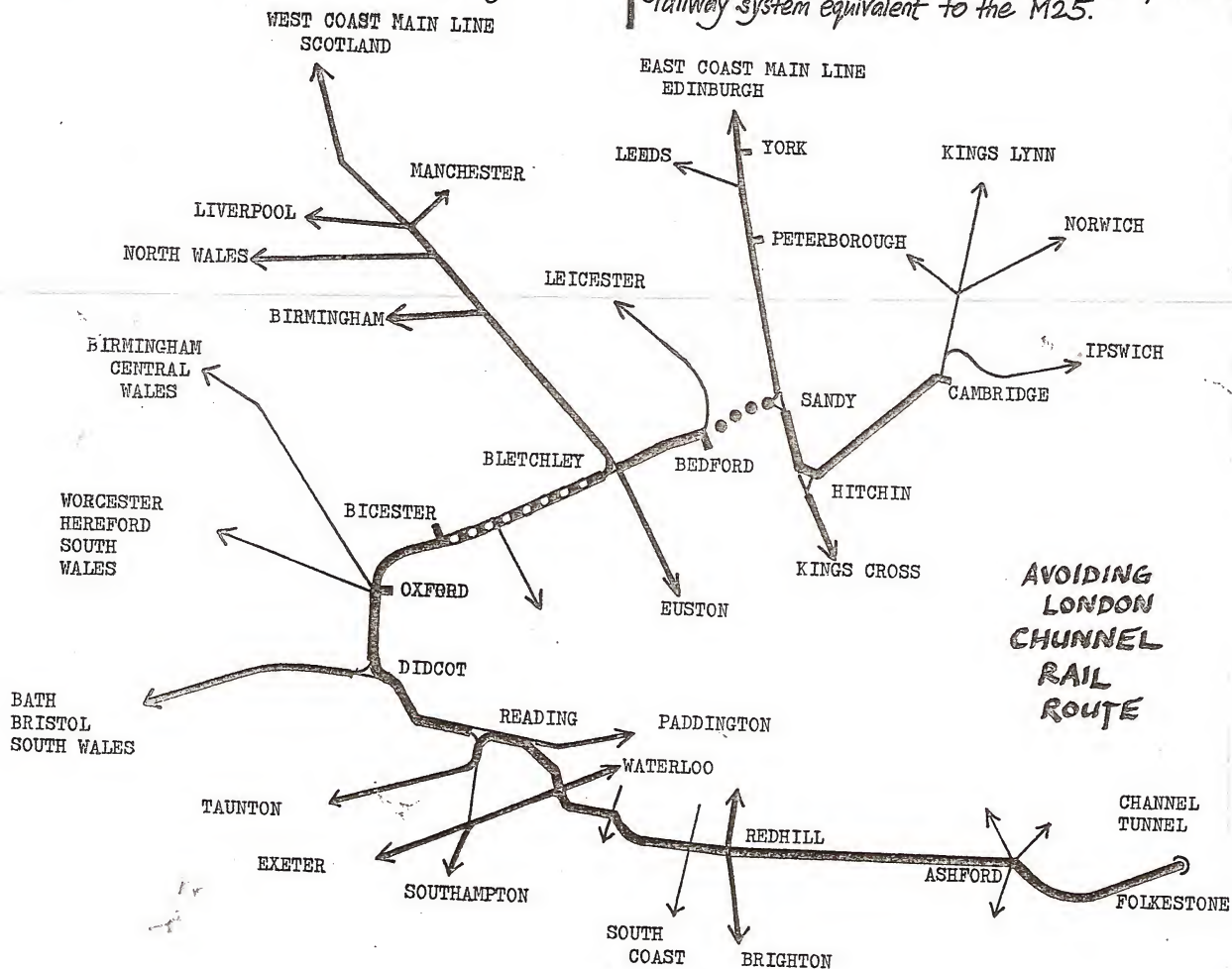
CANALS

The canal system drove the first part of the Industrial Revolution, but began a long decline from about 1850 onwards because of competition from the railways. Problems with the waterway system result from its slowness (all those locks), width restrictions, difficulties with getting the goods in and out of the barges. Some of these problems could be overcome with containerization. Yet in Europe, canals are still used. Recently, a canal linking the River Danube to the Rhine was completed. Yet today, the English canals are valued as a leisure facility.

CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINKS

From the Euro-Capitalist point of view, over the next 15-20 years or so, the key to gaining access to markets in Britain is the inefficiency of the British Rail Network. Many of the motorways and trunk routes are currently operating at close to their maximum capacity. More road projects are not on the agenda. If there is to be transport expansion, this will have to be taken up by the rail system.

Links to the channel tunnel are the important factor here. So far, most of the controversy about the tunnel has concentrated on fast passenger links to London. This is a public relations exercise. Because European integration is economically driven, the important question is the transit of goods. In this, London is a massive bottleneck. The goods will have to move round the outside of London, on a railway system equivalent to the M25.



Some of the engineering achievements of the canal age were impressive. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (Telford & Jessop 1805) over the Dee near Wargolton was one of them. The Blisworth Tunnel, the Foxton incline (1900-1911), the Anderton Lift (1875) are just some of the examples.

Canals are ecological. They create wildlife corridors, but also keep water moving along, and help drain the land. They could be used to move water during droughts. They could be used to supplement the overloaded road network. Most places in Britain are not that far from a canal. With basic improvements, the canal system could be made more efficient.

Recently, a collapsed section of the Montgomery and Welshpool Canal near Oswestry was restored. There are many disused canals, and a few gaps in the system. In East Anglia, the South Forty Foot Drain could link Boston, the River Witham, and the Fossdyke Navigation into the River Glen. There could be a link between the Welland and the Nene. People talk about linking the Norfolk Broads into the rest of the waterway system via the River Waveney, through to the Little Ouse at Brandon.

The problem is that such a network does not exist. Yet most of the Southern part of Britain, from South Wales across through the West Country, Bristol, is quite well served with links. Goods would move quicker were the main lines electrified with 25kV overhead cables, as with the West and East Coast main lines.

What about most of Wales, Scotland, the Midlands, the North West and North East? These have good links to London, but are the wrong side of the London bottleneck to link with the Channel. The key to breaking the bottleneck is north east of Oxford, a line between Bicester and Sandy near Bedford. The first section, between Bicester and Bletchley, 20 miles long, is a mothballed goods line. The middle section, Bletchley to Bedford, is still used. The last section, Bedford to Sandy, 8 miles, was torn up in the Harold Wilson era. It is planned to be replaced, winter 2003, at a cost of £240 M. (Railtrack network management statement, 1998, page 88) The 8 mile Bedford to Sandy section is the crucial missing part of the jigsaw. Without this, the whole East to West railway network between East Anglia and the rest is effectively cut off between London in the south, and Peterborough in the middle, a strip of country 75 miles long.

TONY BLAIR'S FIRST 100 DAYS OF BETRAYAL

1. May 1st General Election - judge jailed for drink driving.
2. 2nd - 10.59. swing in power on 44% of the vote.
3. Hillsborough cover up - fresh enquiry call denied.
4. 4th May - Seal sands chemical leak - Teeside.
5. Southampton Riot. Glover-Webb Water cannons for Indonesia.
6. Labour renegs on Euro. [Euro minister
7. Lord Irvine as Lord Chancellor - Sir David Simon BP Chmn
8. May 8th FoI sell out. Workfare 2B introduced.
9. Manchester airport protesters in court
10. May 10th 1997. Handguns vote to disarm the populace.
11. Algerian asylum seekers sent back to their deaths.
12. Straw backs zero tolerance campaign.
13. Channel Tunnel fire whitewash report published.
14. Shell AGM. House of Lords reform?
15. BT challenge to Labour windfall tax. £3.2B profits.
16. Anti riot vehicles sold to Argentina.
17. May 17th. Riot Leeds.
18. Blair attacks single mothers.
19. North Wales cops sell CCTV pictures on internet.
20. Manchester Airport eviction, Bollin Valley.
21. More Labour sleaze, Govan. M15 job ad in Guardian.
22. Campsfield asylum seekers protest. 100? hospitals close?
23. Lord Rothermere(!) to sit on Labour benches.
24. Cops fight children at home, Braintree
25. May 25th Blair meets Thatcher in Downing St.
26. Jack Straw in Brussels agreeing Europol.
27. Birmingham - 64 High resolution CCTV cameras inst.
28. Anglian Water profits up 15%.
29. South West Water profits up 22%. Airport evictions.
30. Yorkshire Water profits up 19%.
31. Terry Waite calls airport evictions "Gestapo + Nazis"
32. 1st June 1997. Single mother/Workfare coercions start.
33. Blair gags cabinet.
34. "Fringe" terrorist groups outlawed, Northern Ireland.
35. Development threats to countryside
36. 5th June Railtrack profits £346M up 27%!
37. Women prisoners strip searched by men, High Point Prison.
38. Anti sleaze laws mooted
39. More on sleaze amnesty. Nolan report.
40. 16-18 yr olds benefit cuts. [Court case
41. June 10th National grid pensioners loose Maxwellization
42. Jack Straw's prison hulk opens.
43. June 12th NHS deficit £300M
44. Health row.
45. Pro - Fox Hunting rally.
46. House of Commons bars drunk dry.
47. 17th Day of Cake Hole tunnel Manchester opt.
48. Labour MPs suspended over sleaze.
49. Riot, Leeds. McLibel verdict.
50. June 19th 1997 - Monkton Hall colliery closes.
51. 20th June 1997 Millennium Doom.
52. 60 arrested Stonehenge. Labour seeks new image.
53. Liverpool postal centre closure protest.
54. UN Crimes against humanity - Somali boy roasted on fire.
55. Welsh Labour MP threatened with expulsion & opposing devolution.
56. Tax powers sell out on Scottish Parliament.
57. Threat of ID cards.
58. 27th June £9 Millennium fat cats payout.
59. Tuition fees.
60. Security guards hospitalize man, Glastonbury.
61. Hawk sales to Indonesia. 1st July 1997
62. BUDGET - More Workfare threats to young people.
63. Pensions hit by budget. Downey sleaze cover up published.
64. Sky Bridge talks rip-off despite election "promise".
65. Beckett opens gas power station Connahs Quay.
66. 39% BBC bosses salary hike.
67. Doncaster Labour property developer sleaze.
68. Straw attempts to sabotage devolution.
69. LORD SIMON BP shares row.
70. 10th July - Pro-hunting rally Hyde Park.
71. £214M social service cuts.
72. More Labour modernization called for. More! More!
73. Straw renegs on election "promise" not to build more private jails.
74. More 'Focus' groups ordered.
75. 15th July - Dianne Abbott dropped from treasury.
76. Somerset / Oxfordshire rate capping.
77. Labour human rights hypocrisy. Pensions, tuition fees.
78. More NHS funding problems.
79. More road schemes ordered.
80. More on tuition fees. Charlie gives Camilla £100k necklace.
81. Birmingham toll motorway to go ahead despite election "promise"
82. Number plate checker CCTV installed, London.
83. 11 Million now living in poverty.
84. Education plans sell out. 24th July 1997
85. Imposed candidate boycotted by activists, Uxbridge.
86. Jail population rises.
87. Rich / poor gap wider
88. Gordon McMaster, Paisley MP dies. Sleaze scandal.
89. Bob Wearing Labour MP sleaze - Suspension.
90. Straw extends tagging. Doncaster Labour land deals.
91. DPP refuses to prosecute West Midlands police for torture.
92. 1st August 1997 - £1.5B Lloyds profits up 33%
93. New Labour Honours list - sleazy peerages for dosh.
94. Blair fucks off to Tuscany.
95. Brian Staples, Camelot director £500K payoff.
96. Nat West £670 M profit 1st half 1997.
97. Tax disc evasion clamping crackdown.
98. Shared top 5000 - new peak.
99. Orkney - Work experience men killed when wall collapses
100. 8th August 1997 - Tony Bullshit annual report plan.

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